

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A radio communication apparatus having a videophone function and a usual phone function, according to the present invention, incorporates a camera for inputting an image to realize the videophone function, and an encoding section for encoding an image signal output from the camera. It also incorporates a decoding section for decoding a received image signal input via a radio section and displaying it on a display screen section. A controller limits the encoding of the image signal in the encoding section, when necessary, in order to limit the consumption of power, and also limits the decoding of the image signal in the decoding section. Thus, the invention provides a radio communication apparatus with a videophone function, capable of encoding and displaying, only when necessary during a videophone call, an image signal transmitted from another radio communication apparatus, thereby minimizing the consumption of power per unit of time.

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